BRIGHT OUTLOOK FUR MANCHESTER

New Year Brings Hope for Continued Great Pros-

STATISTICS ENCOURAGING

City on the Southside Makes In ducements for Manufacturing Concerns.

By David L. Pulliam.

Manchester bas started out on a re hand are evidences of increasing business and enterprise, of building and manufacturing activity, and of the influx of newer and more energizing in

real estate market has been most encouraging.

With the other cities of the State, except where they have been blessed with peculiar incentives of business activity and commercial impulse, this city necessarily felt the depressing effects of the stringency in the money market and the shelving of all deallings in real estate incident to the unparalleled speculations in stocks of all kinds, which have been so much in vogue. Being a community where stock-jobbing was out of the question, people have not enjoyed the immanse profits which have sprung from such transactions, nor suffered the severe losses incident thereto. They had things more substantial and solid to offer the thinking and discerning, and which are grounded upon truth and real foundations of material growth and substance. If they can but open the eyes of the investor to their value and future possibilities, they can point him to what must present a most destrable and profiof the investor to their value and future possbilities, they can point him to what must present a most destrable and profitable field for business and investment, which if cultivated, will benefit him while it benefits the city. Will the man who has the means to invest; will the manufacturer who wants a good site and practically an exemption from city taxes; will the workingman who wants a good home, accessible to street cars and thence to bit work in at respectable and central neighborhood and at fuir rates, either of rental or purchase, read this article and ponder it?

Centrally Located.

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Manchester is virtually in the heart of Richmond. The center of Manchester is but a few squares from the corner of Seventh and Broad Streets, in Richmond. Take a reliable map and inspect it, and it will uppear therefrom that Manchester is hugged in by Richmond on three sides, and that Forest Hill Park, with its beauty and sylvan attractions, is as near the central business part of Richmond as Richmond College or Libby Hill Park, There are fine street car lines in this city, whose service has been quickened and rendered more official. These two considerations put Manchester in the very hearf of Richmond. Therefore, if Richmond succeeds Manchester is bound to succeed. This allusion to Richmond is made in the kindest spirit, because what benefits the people of that city must benefit us, and vice versu, as we are practically one people and one community; and by thus localizing our city we present most clearly her geographical impress upon all her environments and advantageous surroundings.

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A short synopsis of details will show what Manchester has done in the past and the inducements sile has to offer at present and in the future. The city has a population within her coporate limits of over twelve thousand people, and about five or six thousand people, and specific corporation of the most favorable condition of transfer. She is connected with all of the intervening portion of Chesterfield county, which also connect her with all of the intervening portion of Chesterfield county, which connections mean much for her future growth and prosperity in trade and influence. She has fine railway and transportation faelillites, being in close economical contact as far as her husiness, manufacturing and commercial interests are concerned, with the great railway system and the Seaboard Air Line, and the Southern, the Chesapeako Railway system and the Seaboard Air Line, and the steamboat companies of the Jianues River. These railways travepsing her territory, and the territory of the county of Chesterfield contiguous to her limits, afford spiendifficilities for transportation and intercurier, and from the situation of these

usually stated at 2100. The following table gives a comparison or the horse power of the various cities for the sum-

season, as usually stated:
City, Horse Pow

Navigable Water Frontage.

million, and the ordinary summer contestions compare most favorably with other cities.

Navigable Water Frontage.

"Turning now to the water frontage which is navigable, it will be seen at core that in this Manchester and Chesterfield has an heiricom from mature that is unsurpassed. Beginning at Manchester and going enstward, Chesterfield county has, on the James River, water frontage of 31 miles. The sunconced and permanent project of the improvement of the James River by the United States Government is to make a channel 22 feet deep at low water equal to 35 feet at high water all along this section.

"Of the total distance from Bermuda Hundreds to Drewry's Bluff, 30 per cent. already has a depth of 25 feet or greater at high tide. Through this distance there is already a depth of 16 feet at high tide, and in a short time this 16 feet will be increased to 25.

"There are fow localities in the world where the water frontage is better. Further than this, while the present official plun is to obtain 22 feet at low water, it is to be observed that it is quite practical, and within reasonable limits as to cost, to obtain a channel thirty feet deen at low water from the sea as far as Drewry's Bluff. Arriving at Drewry's Bluff, the project is to have lock gates and a basin and channel fed by water from the James at Manchester. As a series of basins could be constructed at a minimum cost by the proper placing of oxcavated material upon the levees between them and the river, and as the level of the water in the grand basins, above low tide in the river, it follows that the construction of such hasins are feasible, are economical, and are possessed of many advantages. Thus, the water discharged in opening the locks can be utilized for charging hydraulic accumulations, showe low tide in the river, it follows that the constructed which will emply themselves by gravity, while the water in season be economical, and above are basin being hisper than the river the basin being hisper than the river the basin being hisper than

Her Finances.

Public School System.

lings and equipments execulent, and the results most satisfactory. Good schools should, and de add, much to the Advantages of a city.

The School Board has contemplated for some this the erection and equipment of a high school building, in which the higher classes, could be lodged and accomodated. The council of the city is also in favor of its erection. All recognize its necessity, and that it will be greatly promotive of advancement and, progress to the schools. It has been suggested that when built it shall be up-to-date in all respects, and that it shall be constructed so that the recitation rooms on the upper floor can be, by means of an adjustible apparatus, thrown into one large assembly hall, which can be used not only for the purposes of the schools, but also for public gatherines of the people. It has also been suggested that an annual course of lectures, to be free and made attractive and interesting by illustration and music, be delivered by several of our own citizens, in this assembly hall, and to which all the people shall be invited. And in this connection it has been deemed advisable, if the same can be properly conducted, to establish, by degrees, a library, and to keep open a room in this new building, which will be centrally and advantageously located, in which the library may be kept, and where the young and old could gather to read and study and enjoy the pleasures of such a beneficial intercourse and spetality.

An not of the General Assembly has been passed permitting the School Board to borrew money to build this schoolhouse with the assent of the council.

It has been suggested that this high school building be placed on the beautiful lot at the corner of Eleventh and Bainbridge Streets, one of the most elevated and commanding sites in the city, and the deficient of this building, which will give the needed rooms for the school advanced the due and those who would be induced to come here by its creetion and equipment, a high school ranking with the very best in the country.

The Church

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The churches of the city have made decided improvements during the past few years. Manchester is notably blessed considering its advantages, with excellent church edifices. There are skteen church buildings in the city—ten white and sk colored. No more beautiful structures than the Central Methodist, corner of Porter and Thirteenth Streets; the Prespyterian, corner of Porter and Tenth Streets, and the Catholic Church, corner of Perry and Fourteenth Streets, and the Bainbridge Street Baptist, recently extensively remodeled and finely equipped, are found in any save the largest cities. The other church buildings are creditable, and in most instances very attractive and commodious. Meade Memorial—the Church of the Episcopallais—has been most instancies very attractive and domed, and is beautiful in its simplicity and unostentalousness. The building citled "Asbury Chapel" at the corner of Elighteenth and Everott Streets, where the congregation of Mothodists worship, is a beautiful and attractive one, and an ornament to that part of the city. The good work of teaching and preaching the word of God is sequiously carried out in all of these sanctuaries, and the religious

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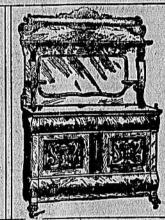
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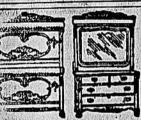
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its of the city of Manchester on Bello iele, and a flords employment to many mechanics living in our city. 39. Whit-lock Machine Works, shop No. 116 East, Teprih Street.

All of these establishments have done a prosperous and enlorged business during the past year, and have increased their force and output.

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The people have generally found employment and work. But few idle men are seen on the streets. The demand for hands has been great in Richmond and this city. A great many people have come to this place to reside. Hundreds have been compelled to seek homes in Richmond and the surrounding country because the houses in Manchester are all occupied, it is conservativesly estimated that at least 300 new homes could be rented here in the next few months, if built is meet the demand, which is for houses with modern conveniences and improvements at reasonably profitable rentals. The outlook for real estate, as incuries indicate, show renewed interest and is most encouraging.

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